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Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application  
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 3 with the following:

- According to this invention the barrier comprises a shape keeping layer formed with  
a plurality of thermoplastic synthetic resin fibers and a body fluid retaining layer placed upon one  
of an upper surface and a lower surface of the shape keeping layer and formed with a plurality  
of thermoplastic synthetic resin fibers mixed with absorbent material, and the synthetic resin  
fibers are hot welded together at contact points of these fibers in the shape keeping layer and in  
the body fluid retaining layer and, along an interface of the shape keeping layer and the body